

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Dion R. Ferguson on January 4, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows: the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the rejection of Claims 2 and 3, hence Claims 2 and 3, and all the Claims depending from Claims 2 and 3, such as Claims 10 - 14, 16 and 17 are allowable. Since Claims 4-9, 15 and 18—22 originally depended from the Claims that have been affirmed by the Board, these Claims are being cancelled in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VLADIMIR IMAS whose telephone number is (571)272-8288. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, T. Patel can be reached on 571-272-2098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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